



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Legislative and Priority Projects/Issues for State and Federal Advocacy

MEETING DATE: January 16, 2002

SUBMITTED BY: Deputy City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Council identify priority projects and/or issues for State and Federal Advocacy.

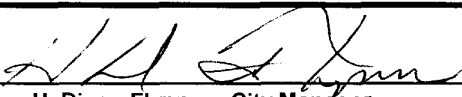
BACKGROUND: The City Council during the January 8, 2002 Shirtsleeve Session, directed staff to compile an expanded list of potential issues and projects for State and Federal advocacy consideration. The priorities, as determined by Council, will be forwarded to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (COG) in anticipation of the 3rd Annual San Joaquin "One Voice" visit to Washington, D.C. and the First Annual San Joaquin "One Voice" to Sacramento. In addition, Council requested that projects and issues be considered for Lodi's own lobbying efforts outside of the COG coordinated trips.

The advocacy efforts are intended to result in changes to legislation, procurement of grants, and/or to position San Joaquin County and the respective cities for future funds. As such, the Lodi City Council has brainstormed the following ideas for consideration:

State:

1. Maintaining the Vehicle License backfill
2. Supporting the restoration of ERAF to cities
3. Funding the Lodi Animal Shelter Project
4. Creating a threshold for State grant requirements allowing local control over environmental requirements
5. Encouraging CalTrans to be more flexible with local streets and highway design standards
6. Financing infrastructure projects
7. Funding the Lodi Indoor Sports Facility
8. Advocating for water rights and storage facilities (ie. supporting the Woodbridge Irrigation District Restoration Project)
9. Creating housing solutions for single/multi family units, agricultural worker housing, and work-live housing
10. Maintaining local control of Municipally Owned Utilities (MOU's)

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Federal:

1. Funding for railroad track safety improvements
2. Funding for wastewater treatment plant
3. Funding for State Highway 12 improvements for operations and safety
4. Funding for transit maintenance facility
5. Maintaining local control of Municipally Owned Utilities (MOU's)
6. Funding for the Indoor Sports Facility
7. Financing infrastructure projects
8. Continuing support for the FIRE ACT funding
9. Establishing a federal program to fund the hiring of 75,000 additional firefighters nation-wide
10. Improving communications infrastructure for emergency responders.

In addition to determining the priority projects/issues, Council Members are invited to attend one or both of the San Joaquin "One Voice" visits along with representatives from San Joaquin County, the various cities, and other agencies.

Funding: Not Applicable

Respectfully Submitted,

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